

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--This application incorporates by reference commonly-assigned and co-pending  
| ~~U.S. Patent Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ [IBM Docket Number TUC9-2003-~~  
| ~~0462US1]~~United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/719,180, entitled HOST-  
INITIATED DATA RECONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVED RAID READ OPERATIONS,  
| filed        on        even \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ herewith November        20,        2003.--